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BUILDING A BETTER STATE

Scientific Crime Detection

The main problem in overcom- ing criminals is the lack of organization. The underworld is highly organized—without this organization crime would be practically impossible in our large cities.

The criminal must know where he can dispose of stolen goods, how he can influence the police, just which hotels are safe for him to stop at, which police commissioners will likely be "soft" and which not, and even which prisons he would prefer spending a term in, if necessary. He needs physicians, the services of loyal followers.

Work of "G-Men"

There has grown up, particularly in the last few years, an interest in the United States Division of Investigation or the "G-Men" as they are called by the newspapers and movies.

Most of their work is not running around the country shooting down criminals with machine guns. Their work is mostly investigation into new methods of tracing criminals of note, although they are sometimes called on to chase them down.

In the capture of the criminal, most work is ordinary office work, and consists largely of systems or techniques by which criminals may be identified.

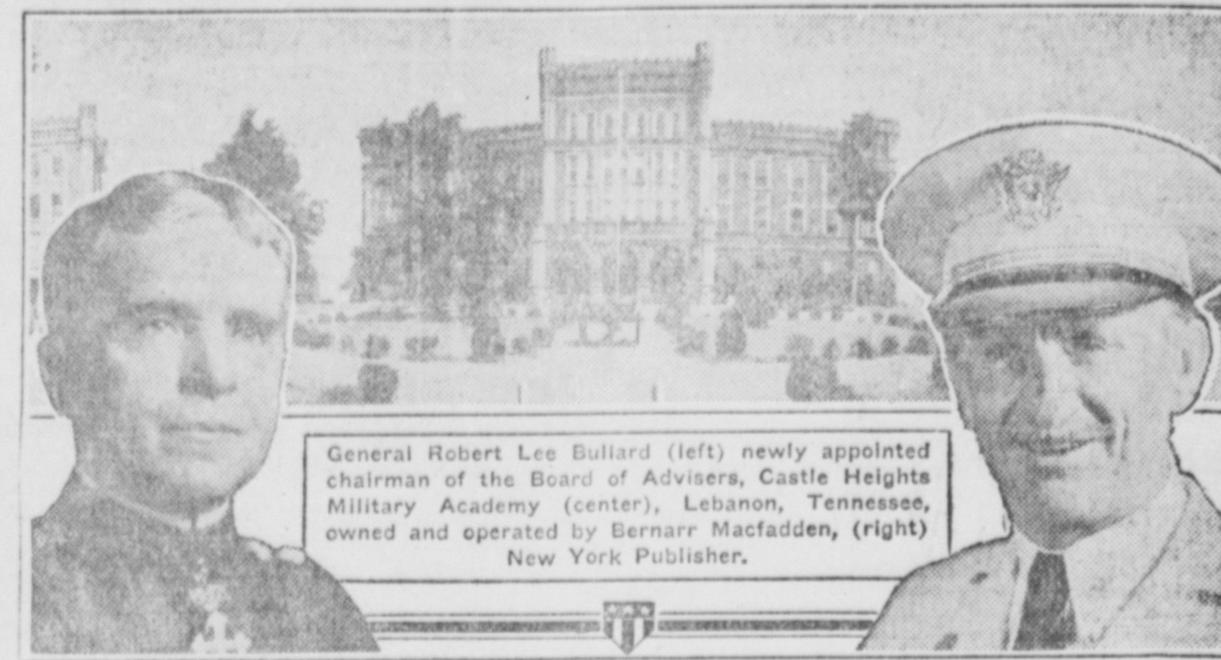
One of the most common is the so-called fingerprint system or method. Fingerprints have certain advantages for identification that other systems of identification do not have.

Classifying Fingerprints

In the first place, no individual can change his prints. In the second place, they are present at the time he is born, and last until a considerable period after death. In the third place, fingerprints can readily be classified, and in the fourth place, no two individuals' prints are alike, not even identical twins.

In spite of the fact that no two prints are alike, they can be classified into four or five or less distinct types. Any set of fingerprints can be classified and then with the aid of a magnify-

RETIRED WORLD WAR COMMANDER APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF MILITARY ACADEMY



General Robert Lee Bullard (left) newly appointed chairman of the Board of Advisors, Castle Heights Military Academy (center), Lebanon, Tennessee, owned and operated by Bernard Macfadden, (right) New York Publisher.

GENERAL Robert Lee Bullard, World War Commander of the First Division A.E.F., has accepted the Chairmanship of the Board of Advisors of the Castle Heights Military Academy, owned and operated by the Bernard Macfadden Foundation.

Robert Lee Bullard was born in Youngsboro, Alabama, in the deep South, on January 15, 1861. His first job was that of a country school teacher. Then came his appointment to West Point and the start of his soldiering career. After graduation, he saw action in the Apache campaign where he won his commission as Captain. Soon followed the Spanish American War where he led his 3rd Alabama Infantry to victory. After the war he became Governor of the district of

Lanao, in the Philippines. In 1909-1915 he went back to teaching in the Army's War College at Washington.

When America entered the World War in 1917, General Bullard was

commissioned a Major General in command of the First A.E.F. Division.

Here his company won the first battle at Montdidier and became the spear-head of the American offense, which crumpled the Marno silent.

In recognition for his able command and work he was promoted to rank next that of General Pershing and assigned the task of directing our new Second Army in a drive against the great stronghold of Metz. For his bravery as a field officer and in continual contact with the enemy, he won the nickname of "Counter-attack" Bullard. He was

awarded the distinguished Service Medal, as well as various decorations by the Allied nations. He also received the honorary degrees of Doctor of Military Science from Pennsylvania Military College and L.L.D. from Columbia University.

Just finished at Paramount is the Hungarian play, "Angel," brought to the screen by Producer-Director Ernest Lubitsch, with Marlene Dietrich.

Lubitsch started production this week on another European play, "Bluebeard's Eighth Wife," by the Frenchman, Alfred Savoir.

Gary Cooper and Claudette Colbert will star.

Gladys Swarthout, John Boles,

and John Barrymore are now before the cameras in "Romance in the Dark," which is from the Austrian play by the Viennese playwright, Hermann Behr.

Then there's the English play

"French Without Tears" for the next Marlene Dietrich film.

"White Horse Inn," musical comedy now in vogue in Berlin, has been purchased by Warners. The same studio has completed the French play by Jacques Duval, in which Claudette Colbert and Charles Boyer star.

The Hungarian play, "Jean," by the Budapest playwright, Ladislaus Bus-ekete, is being transferred to a movie script.

"True Confession," the present Carole Lombard-Fred MacMurray vehicle, comes from the French play, "Mon Crime," written by Louis Verneuil and Georges Barré.

Poplar Bluff All-Stars Sling Way to 7-0 Win

The mighty avalanche of Poplar Bluff All-Stars surged down the field and the stalwart Sikeston All-Stars surged back again, and they cruised up and down the field here Friday night for nearly four quarters. Then in the waning minutes Poplar Bluff shot over a touchdown pass, kicked the point and won the game, 7-0.

The titanic struggle between grid stars of other days went along on fairly even terms, although the Bluffers had the edge, nine to four, in first downs.

It was found that the two men looked exactly alike. One was the double of the other. Strangely enough their names were Will West and William West. Physically they were more alike than a pair of identical twins. That occurs only once in many millions of times. Nobody could have separated one from the other, and by coincidence they had been given almost exactly the same number.

Under such circumstances it would be possible for all kinds of mistakes in identity to be made, but when the two men were fingerprinted, their prints had no resemblance whatever.

That stimulated the warden at Leavenworth to begin a collection there of fingerprints. The file grew rapidly, and after 1920 was removed to Washington and now contains over four and one-half million prints.

Sikeston had three standouts—"Iron Man" Joe Spudich and their Jones boys, "Tootie" and "Sheik." Spudich did the punting, most of the passing, and some running. Sheik gave some nice broken field running, and Tootie, at end, was a constant thorn in the hides of the Poplar Bluff Ball tooters.

The visitors' running attack carried them down to the Sikeston 14 on their touchdown march. The ex-Bulldogs held on the ground work, but a pass from Fullback Bruce Green to Left Halfback Joe Baumgardner to the far side of the field was snared by the back in the end zone. Hecht, left tackle, kicked the extra point.

Then, with Spudich and Tharon Stallings working the ball, the passing began. Three heavies carried the team up to a threatening point on the Bluff threshold, but passes and line backs faltered.

A large crowd, filling both bleachers and standing along the sidelines, attended the conflict, which was sponsored by the local Junior Chamber of Commerce. Next Friday, Nov. 19, the Sikeston players will go to Poplar Bluff for a return game.

MISS GENEVA JONES WED TO GEORGE PRAUL THURS.

Miss Geneva Jones and George W. Paurl, both of this city, were quietly married Thursday evening, November 11, 8:30 o'clock, at the First Baptist church with

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Newark, N. J., Nov. 12.—Edward Riley had won a niche for himself in the hall of oddities today by cutting his wrist with his eye. Arrested on disorderly conduct charge, he was searched for dangerous weapons before he was placed in a cell. Today he was in Newark Hospital with slashed wrists. "I did it with my

eye," said Riley. Fragments of his shattered glass eye were on the floor of his cell.

STATE ORGANIZERS TO COMBAT INSECT PEST

A Missourian Insect Pest Control Committee composed of twelve farm leaders has been created at the suggestion of Gov. Lloyd C. Stark to combat grasshopper and chinchbug infestations. George E. Wilkerson, Highsville, president of the Missouri Agricultural Council, has been named chairman.

Twenty-five Northwest and eight Southeast Missouri counties in particular showed alarming numbers of hoppers," Haseman said.

Stark, in welcoming the conference, declared "it is important to start early and to have cooperation from all persons and agencies involved."

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W. G. Moseley field agent for Lincoln University at Jefferson City, and L. B. Boler, of Charleston one of the curators of Lincoln University, paid The Standard editor a pleasant visit Friday afternoon. They had been attending a meeting at Caruthersville where some 250 colored teachers and high school pupils were present.

Turkey Day game Thursday of next week between Charleston and Sikeston on the local field gives promise of being a real game between these teams who have strived each year to win the big end of the score. If the day is at all good a record crowd will attend. Make arrangements to be present.

Two Indian Scalps Worn
By English Woman Author

New York, Nov. 11.—Wearing the scalps of two long-dead Indian warriors, Mrs. Claire Sheridan, British author and sculptress, sailed for England yesterday. The scalps dangled like epaulets from the bright yellow Indian blanket which Mrs. Sheridan wore as a coat.

She explained: "It's no worse to wear these scalps than it is to wear a bit of ribbon on your chest to testify that you have responsible for killing men in the wars of the white people."

The trophies were given to her, she said, by a 75-year-old Indian she met while living for the last three months among the Blackfeet Indians of Montana and Canada. The Indian had taken them from the heads of enemies when he was a youth of 17.

The smart, trim launches and boats of a ship are very definitely prides of the crew. The auxiliary craft which perform that marvelously important service of transporting to and from the beach, were equipped with Diesel engines during the recent overhaul of the U. S. S. Saratoga at the Navy Yard, Bremerton, Washington. The whale boats and small launches were fitted out with 25 horsepower engines, and 36 and 40 feet launches received 60 horsepower, and the engines of the larger craft were replaced by 105 horsepower Diesel engines.

Recent declines in the stock market and recessions in industrial production were normal reactions and will not affect the future prosperity of the nation's farmers, the University of Missouri Agricultural Extension Service says in its October economic review. The report said the high rate of production in early 1937 was due to the huge number of unfilled orders and to a "fairly satisfactory" volume of new business for the nation's industries. The recent declines, however, did not indicate a prolonged stagnancy in business activity and economic injury to the farmer.



THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is strictly an American Holiday and we as Americans have much for which to be thankful.

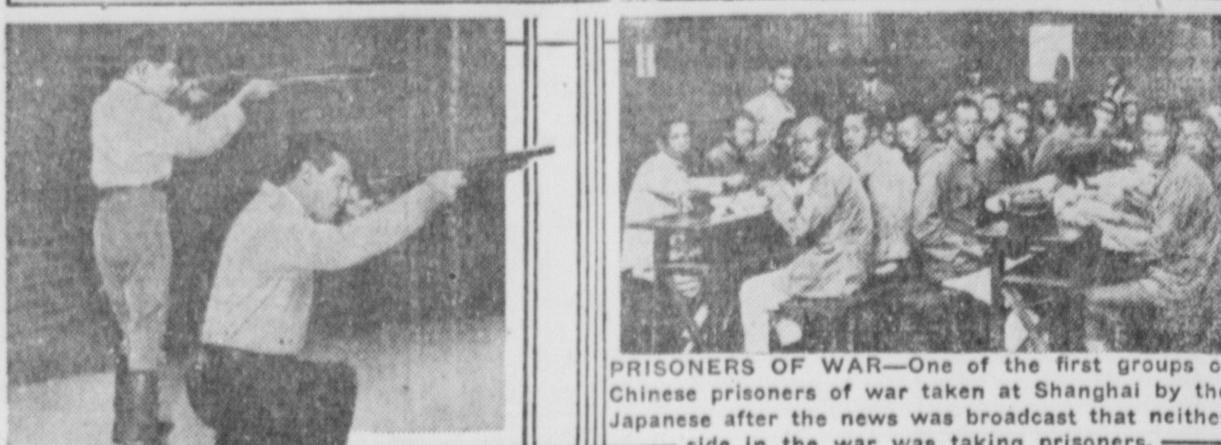
This fact is brought home to us more forcibly when we view the conditions that exist in other parts of the world.

As we return thanks this year, let us resolve to maintain those strictly American things for which we are thankful.

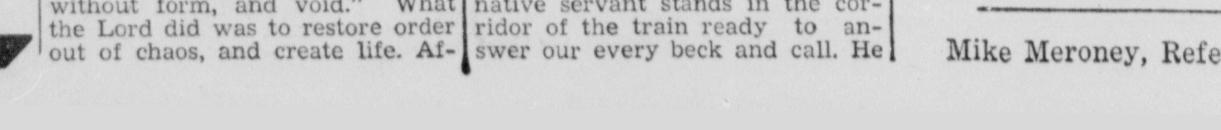
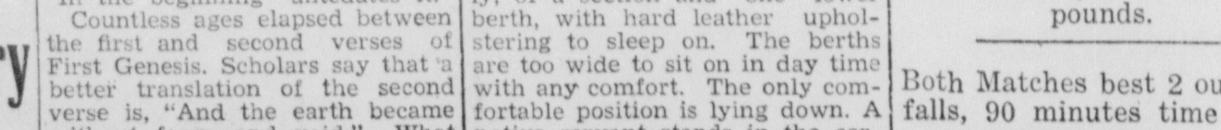
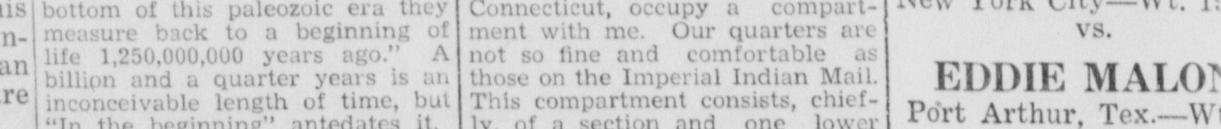
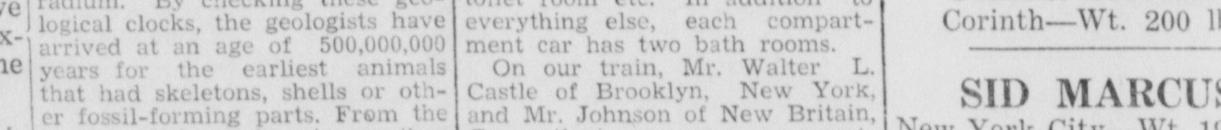
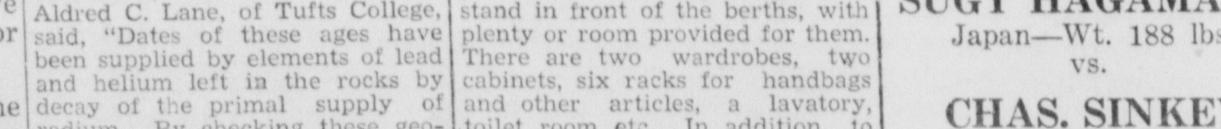
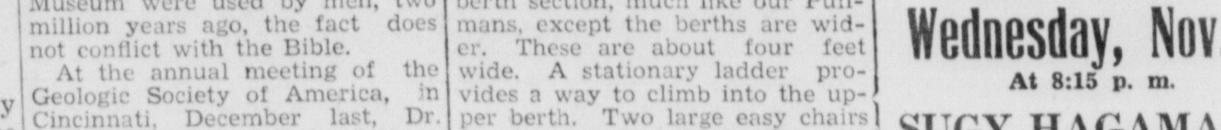
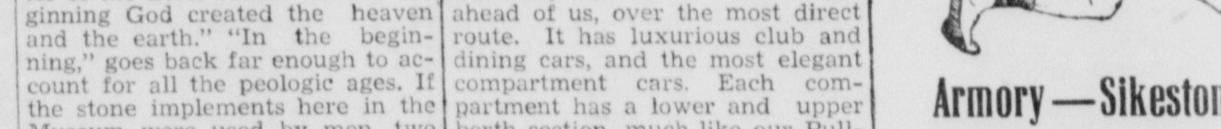
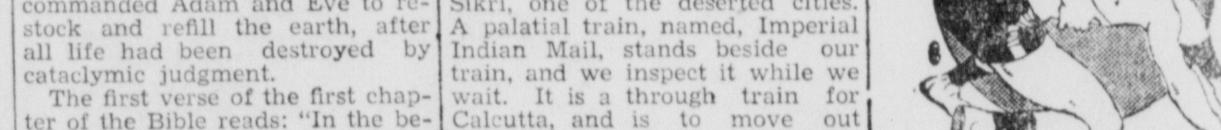
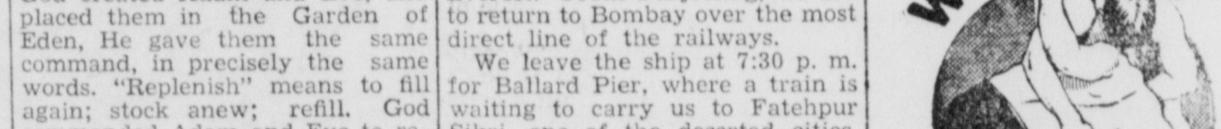
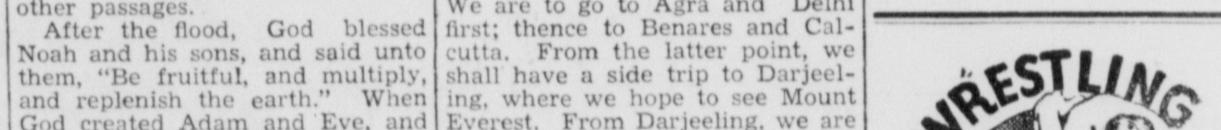
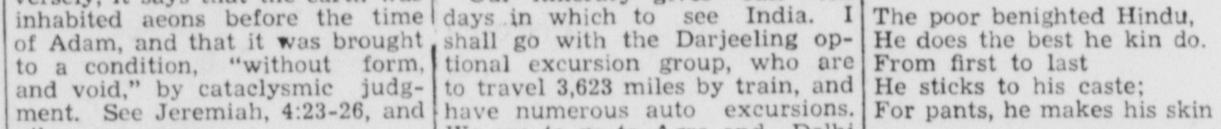
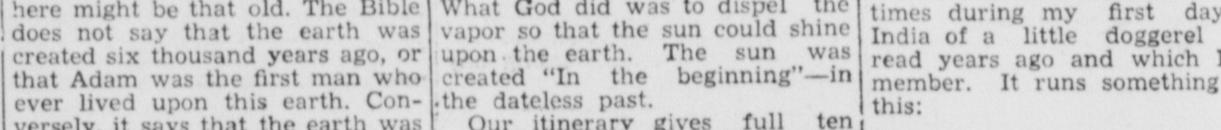
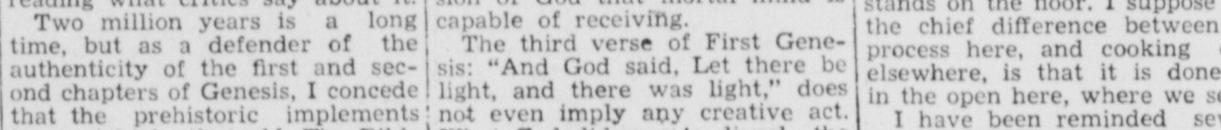
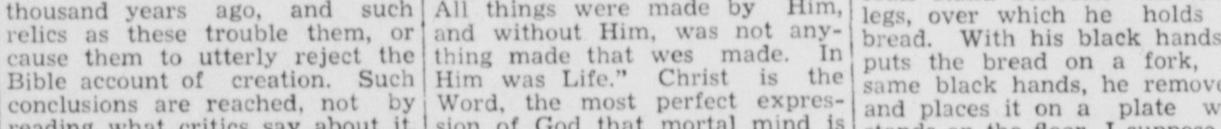
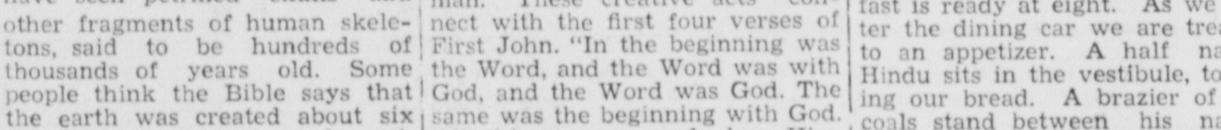
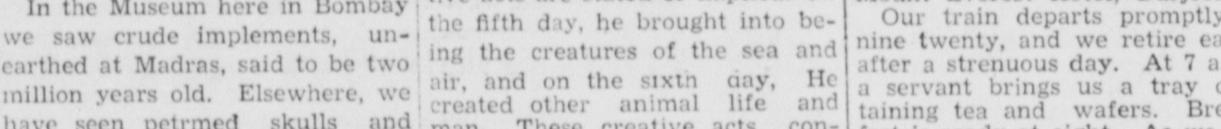
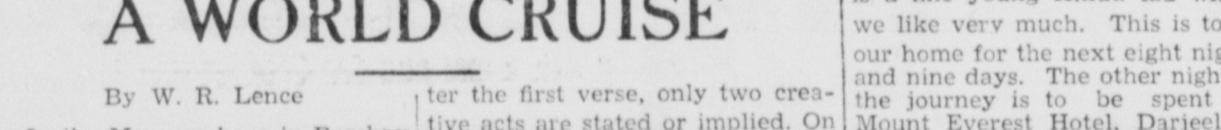
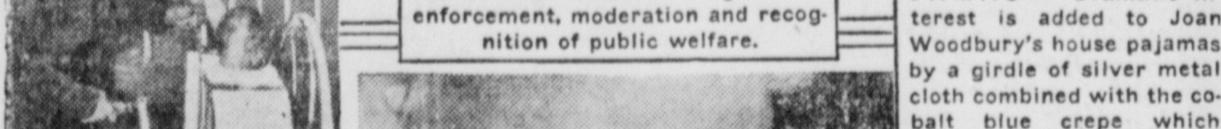
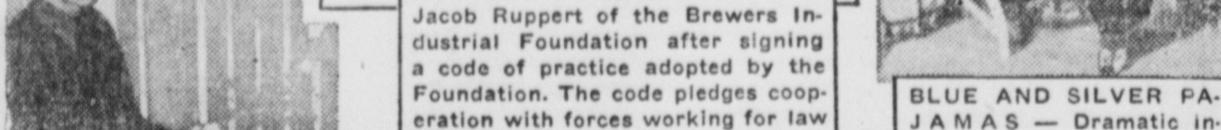
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In The WEEK'S NEWS



PRISONERS OF WAR—One of the first groups of Chinese prisoners of war taken at Shanghai by the Japanese after the news was broadcast that neither side in the war was taking prisoners.



LOCALS

E. P. Barnett of Jefferson City visited in Sikeston over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Boyer, L. L. Conatser and George Limbaugh of the Boyer Auto Company, attended the automobile show in St. Louis Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Sharp and Mrs. C. E. Felker spent Thursday in Memphis.

Mrs. W. P. Smith arrived Saturday to visit her daughter, Mrs. C. L. Blanton Jr. and family.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Converse had as their guests last week, their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Clarkson and son of University City and Fred Rodman of St. Louis who arrived Tuesday. Mr. Rodman returned to the city Thursday night while the others remained until Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Converse had as dinner guests Tuesday, Mrs. Florence Hover, a former resident of Sikeston, Dr. R. C. Carroll of Kennett and Rev. and Mrs. D. D. Ellis of Sikeston.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Walton attended the Automobile show in St. Louis Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Harwell spent Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harwell in Poplar Bluff.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hadden had as week end guests, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Vaughn, Mrs. C. W. Smock and Mrs. C. T. Wright of Paris, Mo., and Miss Esther Hadden who is teaching school at Esther, Mo.

The following persons enjoyed a picnic in the Morley Hills, Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Anderson, and children, Betty and Billy, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Francis, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Hatfield and daughter Margaret Ann, Mr. and Mrs. Ivie Lewis and children, Dr. and Mrs. C. T. Old and son Shad, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Davis.

W. T. Hadden left Monday morning for points in the South, where he will represent the John Deere Implement Company, in advertising department.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Coleman motored to Memphis Friday, where Mrs. Coleman left that night by airplane for Boston, Mass., to spend a month with her mother, Mrs. J. E. Hetherington. Due to bad weather, the plane was grounded at Columbus, Ohio, and Mrs. Coleman went by rail to New York City and from there finished the trip by air. She arrived in Boston Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Hetherington will accompany Mrs. Coleman home for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Matthews and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sikes went to St. Louis Monday morning to remain until Tuesday evening.

Mrs. T. C. McClure and son Tommy expect to go to St. Louis Thursday to spend several days.

Bartley R. Schwegler, district manager of the State Farm Insurance Companies of Bloomington, Illinois, is attending a meeting at Columbia, Mo., of all agents in the State. He was accompanied by S. R. Rowe, agent at Charleston. F. Hardin Smith, local agent at Sikeston had planned to go but was unable because of illness. Mr. Schwegler expects to return on Wednesday.

Marvin Rayburn and Bill Van Horne, students at Central College, Fayette, Mo., spent the week end with their parents here.

Mrs. Harvey Johnson entertained a group of friends with a

walrus supper, Sunday evening at her home on North Kingshighway. Yellow candles and chrysanthemums were used on the dining table with blue and yellow linens. Covers were laid for eight guests.

Miss Eloise Rowland of Caruthersville spent Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. U. T. Rabb.

Mrs. Murray Phillips and Mrs. Harvey Johnson were in Cape Girardeau Friday.

J. A. McCampbell returned Saturday from Detroit, Mich., where he had been called the previous Sunday by the illness of his daughter, Mrs. Beatrice Mason who sustained an operation last Thursday.

Mrs. Stelle McBride of Chaffee is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Walter M. Rayburn.

J. A. Sutterfield and J. L. Sutterfield spent Saturday and Sunday in West Fork, Mo., with their mother who is quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Gilbert Sailing of New Madrid county are the parents of a son born Friday night at their home, whom they have named Billy John.

Mrs. Annie Baker is critically ill at her home in Sikeston, and no hope is extended for her recovery. Mrs. Baker became acutely ill last Thursday and before that time had suffered two paralytic strokes. She is the mother of T. F. Baker.

Walnuts that are kept in a pit for planting in the spring should be stratified says R. H. Pech of the Missouri College of Agriculture. The method of stratification is to place a layer about two nuts deep in the bottom and cover by a 2-inch layer of soil, then add succeeding layers of nuts and soil until the pit is filled. A rough floor in the bottom of the pit is recommended to insure against water collecting and saturating the nuts for long periods. The nuts should be dug up in early March and planted immediately. Nuts stratified in this manner germinate immediately after planting, while nuts stored dry over winter often do not germinate for a full year.

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It is advisable to keep each ginning separate, where ginned in any quantity at one time, as one entire lot of seed might not germinate.

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URGES TESTS TO FIND BEST CORN FOR SOIL

Urbana, Ill., Nov. 11.—Some Illinois farmers are losing 20 bushels an acre on all the land they have in corn this year because the corn they are growing does not have the capacity to yield high under their conditions, according to George H. Dungan, chief in crop production at the College of Agriculture.

Obtaining a variety of open-pollinated or hybrid corn that will produce a maximum yield of high quality corn on his farm is one of the chief problems any Illinois farmer faces in his corn improvement program.

To assist farmers in selecting the best variety of corn for their farms, the College of Agriculture in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the Illinois State National History Survey conducts corn performance tests in 17 different locations throughout the State.

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Washington Comment

Perhaps the most important item dealing with White House affairs is the report that the President inclines less toward government spending and more toward putting business on its feet through various measures, not the least of which is a reduction in taxes which business has condemned as a bar to progress. To the Republican, that is a recession from a position definitely taken. To the Democrat is a step forward, wherein governmental action is adapted to changing times. So long as business is put on a sound basis, the general run of men will not concern themselves much with the underlying facts. If there is a genuine return of good times, good times alone will be considered by the majority. The politicians will be left to make the considered by the majority. The politicians will be left to make the mud balls and throw them.

Congress has received a report from the United States Maritime Commission to the effect that the merchant marine is in a bad way and that something must be done about it: a statement which can be backed up by the simplest sort of figures. For example England and her dominions launched 215 vessels in 1935 as against 14 for the United States. For 15 years, American shipping has been practically living off its subsidies, a condition which obviously is not sound. It is not merely a question of more ships, however, but of training sailors and avoiding labor troubles after the sailors are trained. For the one need,

The Chinese defending Shanghai have been reduced to 6000 and are said to be determined to obey orders and die fighting, which may afford occasion for some future Chinese Tennyson to write a poem having the general tone of the Charge of the Light Brigade. On the other hand, they may find some way out and may skip to safety in which event they still will have a poet's support, since "He who fights and runs away, will live to fight another day." So far as Japanese-Chinese troubles are concerned, it looks as though there might be plenty of "other days", and maybe a good gun-toting Chinaman will be of more use hereafter than a buried hero. In the meantime the mem-

bers of the Brussels group concerned with stopping fighting in the Orient are having a good old-fashioned row among themselves.

A young woman who appeared at a New York theatre a few years ago clad in a coat of gilt paint has become the bride of a Belgian nobleman. The plain unvarnished truth may not be best after all, the maxim about gilding the lily notwithstanding.

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One of the improvements contemplated is a classification and segregation program when possible. No such program has ever been attempted at the prison, due chiefly to lack of facilities for segregation after the inmates were classified. This type of administration, Matthews believes, not only will improve prison morale, but will make it possible to put into effect a more modern reformation program.

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At 35 Jas. E. Matthews Puts Prisons Under New Deal

(From K. C. Star)

Jefferson City, Nov. 10.—One of the youngest men ever placed at the head of the Missouri prison system, James E. Matthews, of Sikeston, director of penal institutions, is typical of the new group of state officials Governor Stark is relying on to give the state an efficient administration, divorced as far as possible from the old political spoils system.

An engineer who has spent most of his adult life working for the state highway department, Matthews was drafted at the age of 35 to take over one of the biggest and most troublesome jobs in the Stark administration.

On the shoulders of this young man who did not seek the appointment, nor even dream it would be offered him, has been placed the task of carrying out Governor Stark's ideas for improvement in the penal institutions.

From the point of view of Missouri landowners and cotton planters, Matthews followed the Democratic tradition of his family. He never took an active part in organization politics, a statement that can be applied to most of the appointments of the new chief executive.

His work with the highway department, a nonpolitical organization which has maintained that status since its inception, precluded political work of the ordinary organization type.

Such training gives him a good background for supervision of the program outlined by Governor Stark for employment of penal institution personnel on a merit basis. Prison employees naturally will come from the ranks of the Democratic party, but on a different basis from the old spoils system.

The Stark plan provides for examinations, mental and physical, of all applicants and selection of the employees from an eligible list of those making favorable grades in the examination.

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In the five prison institutions under his direction are about 525 employees. This includes the personnel at the main prison, the intermediate reformatory at Algoa, training schools for boys at Booneville, industrial

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Recognizing that the penal institutions were a "danger spot" in any administration, the chief executive selected Matthews for the post not because of political indorsements, but because of his demonstrated ability in handling difficult assignments.

After his boyhood on the Southeast Missouri farm, Matthews studied two years at Central college at Fayette. He then took an engineering course at Texas A. and M. from which he was graduated in 1925. Since that time he has been employed by the highway department in virtually every phase of road-building activities in the state.

Matthews recently moved his family into the official director's residence across the street from the prison. He is prepared to spend most of his time, running the "big house" that holds about 4,500 criminals, not including the inmates of the other minor correctional institutions.

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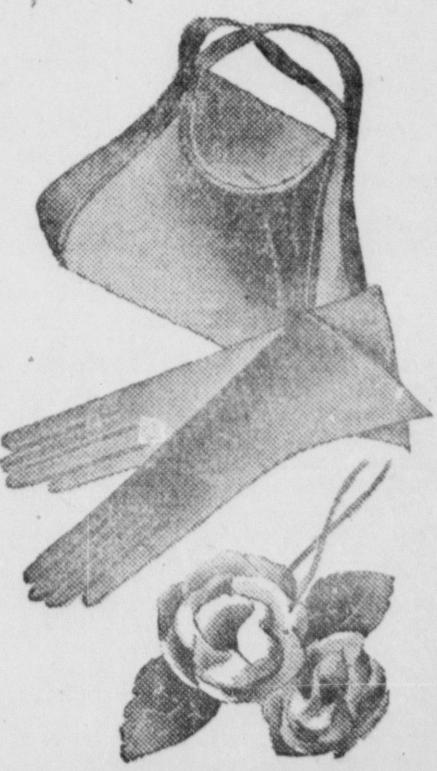
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